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March 27, 2001

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Sincerely,

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Dear Sir:

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Thank you,

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Dear Sir:

You must take action now on the investigation of Sec. 232., requested by Congressman Stupak, and Oberstar.

If our Iron Ore Mines Close down, substantial unemployment and devastation of communities will follow.

We need you support on this investigation.

Thank you,

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To whom it may concern:

I am in favor of an investigation to determine the effects of imported iron ore and semi-finished steel on national security.

I am in favor of trade sanctions to protect the steel industry.

This dumping of imported steel at below cost has directly affected the State of Minnesota and, specifically, the Iron Range, as well as the many steel companies who have been forced into bankruptcy.

We must do something soon to save our livelihood here in northern Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DeAnn Abate". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "DeAnn" and the last name "Abate" clearly distinguishable.

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As the Section 232 investigation goes forward I urge you to consider these factors. America's defense infrastructure should rest on a solid foundation built with American iron and steel.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 28, 2001

The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
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Dear Secretary Mineta:

The State of Michigan has only two mines, the Empire and Tilden, that produce iron **ore/taconite**, which is the fundamental raw material needed to produce steel. During World War II and the Korean conflict, the mines in Minnesota and Michigan provided 100 percent of the steel industry's iron ore requirements. They have also been the primary suppliers of iron **ore/taconite** for the domestic steel industry for more than 100 years.

It is our understanding that imports of iron ore, which usually is subsidized in the country of origin is being sold in our market at prices that violate our antidumping laws. Economically, this is impacting our local area in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, as well as our Nation's national security if these mines are closed. Any time mines are forced to close, the possible start up and reopening virtually never happens. This would be devastating to our local economy but will also impact our Country as a whole. Not only local jobs will be lost, but those jobs through the transportation of our products via vessels on our Great Lakes.

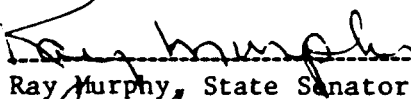
Will our foreign nations provide **sufficient** quantities of iron ore and steel products in a national emergency? Should the United States be self-sufficient in supplying its defense requirements?

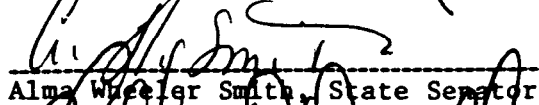
We respectfully request a full investigation into imports of iron ore and steel slab into the United States by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Export Administration, under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

Respectfully yours,



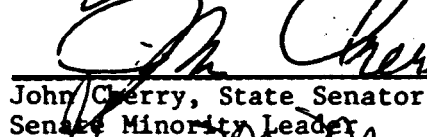

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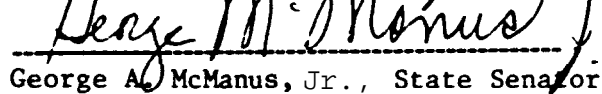

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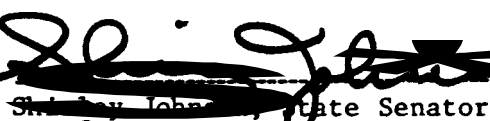

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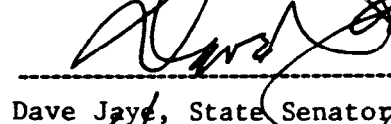

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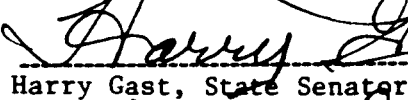

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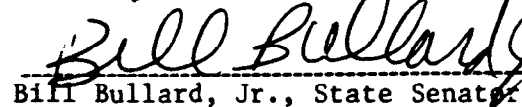

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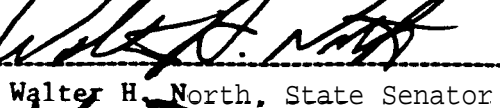

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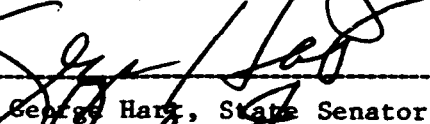

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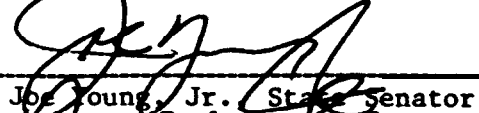

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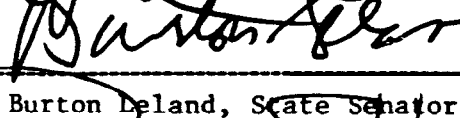

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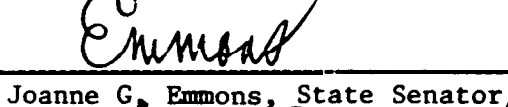

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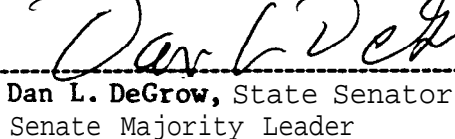

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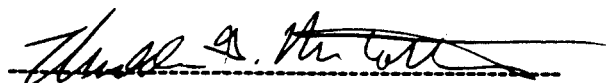

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RE: **Section 232 Iron Ore and Semi Furnished Steel Study**

Gentlemen:

We wish to support the stoppage of the dumping of steel in the United States by foreign subsidized countries. It is imperative to the national defense and domestic economical welfare of the United States. The wars of the world could not have ended without the domestic steel and iron ore industry.

Our families economic wellness is based upon the operation of the mines in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. A slow down and possible shut down of the mines in this area will have a **devastating** impact on our local economy and its families.

We trust you will support the steel and iron ore industry.

Very truly yours,

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